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THE YEAR 1875.

I. CHRONOLOGICAL ERAS.

THE year 1875, which comprises the latter part of the 99th and the beginning of the 100th year of the Independence of the United States of America, corresponds to:

- The year 6588 of the Julian period;
- " 7383-13 of the Byzantine;
- " 5635-6 of the Jewish Era;
- " 2628 since the foundation of Rome;
- " 2022 since the beginning of the era of Nabonassar, which has been assigned to Wednesday, the 27th of February,
 - of the 3971st year of the Julian period, corresponding according to the chronologists to the 750th, and according to the astronomers to the 749th year before the birth of Christ:
- " 2050 of the Olympiads, or the second year of the 662d Olympiad, commencing July, 1861, if we fix the Era of the Olympiads at 7762 years before Christ, or near the beginning of July of the year 3939 of the Julian period:
 - " 2187 of the Greelan era, or the Era of the Seleucidæ;
- " 1591 of the Era of Dioeletian;

around it.

60ths of a minute.

- " 1292 of the Mohammedan Era, or the Era of Hegira.
- 1292 of Mohammed begins April 24.
- 5635 of the Jews began Sunday evening, Sept. 20th, 1874. The Sun, the centre of the Solar System, has a diameter of 885,680 miles, and its bulk is 1,400,000 times greater than that of the Earth, and 700 times greater than that of all the bodies revolving

II. ASPECTS AND NOTATION.

- ¿ Denotes Conjunction, or the same Longitude or Right Ascension. m Denotes Quadrature, or differing 90° in Longitude or Right Ascen-
- 8 Denotes Opposition, or differing 180° in Longitude or Right Ascen-₹ sion Should Q Denotes Associating Node, or point through which the Moon or a planet comes all eve the plane of the earth's orbit.
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TRUE TIME.

Two kinds of time are used in almanaes-clock or mean-time in some, and apparent or sun-time in others. Clock-time is always right, while sun-time varies every day. People generally suppose it is twelve o'clock when the sun is due south, or at a properly- the year used in the present computation.

made poon-mark But this is a mistake. The Sun is seldom on the meridian at twelve o'clock. In this almanac, as in most other almanacs, the time used is clock-time. The time when the Sun is on the meridian or at the noon-mark is also given to the nearest second for every day in the year in the fourth column of each calendar page. This affords a ready means of obtaining correct time, and for setting a clock by using a noon-mark, adding or subtracting as the Sun is slow or fast.

ECLIPSES FOR THE VEAR 1825

THERE will be two Eclipses this year, as follows:

I. A Total Eclipse of the Sun, April 6th. Invisible in the United States.

II. An Annular Eclipse of the Sun, September 29th, Visible east of the Mississippi River as a Partial Eclipse, the Sun rising Eclipsed. Also in Africa and Southwestern Europe. The Eclipse will be annular or ring-like from Sodus Point, on the south shore of Lake Ontario, Lyons, Oswego, Syracuse, Utica, Saratoga, and Northern Massachusetts to the ocean. Along the central line the size of the Eclipse will be 111 digits.

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EVENING STARS. Venus ofter September 23. Mars after February 26. Jupiter from Jan. 20 to Nov. 4. Saturn until February 5, and after May 16.

PLANETS BRIGHTEST.

MERCURY, February 10, June 6, and October 3, setting then soon after the Sun; also, March 31, July 30, and November 18, rising then a short time before the Sun. VENUS, January 12. SATURN, August 15. Mars, June 20.

THE FOUR SEASONS.

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Winter begins December	r, 1874,	21	6	14 eve., aud lasts	89	0	59	
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Summer " June,	66	21	3	39 eve., "	93	14	28	
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COMMENCEMENT OF THE YEAR.

By the reformation of the calendar by Gregory, the year began on the first of January, and, consequently, whenever and whereever the NEW STYLE of reckoning time was adopted, then and there the year commenced on this day.

Previous to the use of the Gregorian Calendar, the years had different days of beginning at various times in the same and different countries, and occasionally at the same time in the same country.

In most countries it began on one of the following days:

Christmas-day, the 25th of December; Circumcision-day, the 1st of January;

Lady-day, the 25th of March; Easter-day, the day of the Resurrection of our Lord.

In England, in the seventh, and so late as the thirteenth century, the year began on Christmas-day; but, in the twelfth century, the Anglican Church commenced the year on the 25th of March, as did also the civilians of the fourteenth century. This continued until 1752, the time of adoption of the new style. By this it appears that two modes of reckoning the commencement of the year have generally existed in Great Britain and its colonies, causing what are called the CIVIL, ECCLESIASTICAL, or LEGAL YEAR, and the HISTORICAL YEAR. The last named of these has commenced on the 1st of January for a long period of time.

In order to prevent, as far as possible, the occurrences of error by the use of two commencements of the year, it is now usual to annex the date of the Historical to that of the Legal Year when alluding to any day between the 1st of January and the 25th of March previous to 1752, thus: 10 Jan. 162 $\frac{1}{2}$; or 10 Jan. 1,621-2. When double dating occurs, the upper or first figure indicates the Legal, and the lower or the last the Historical Year. The last of these is

A Negro Legend.

DE WOLF, DE RABBIT, AND DE TAR BABY.

The negroes of the South have a literature of their own, although, till lately, unwritten and almost unknown. their lyrics are now becoming famous through the Fisk Jubilee and Hampton Singers. Besides these, there are a great number of fireside legends, that have been to them what Cinderella and Red Riding Hood are to us These are almost all about animals. The negroes, even in common convertation, speak of animals as if they thought, talked, and behaved among themselves like rational beings; and the two animals most prominent in these legends are the wolf and the rabbit. They are represented as enemies, and the rabbit always comes off representations are encurse, and the mount always comes of victorious, through his superior strategy. The following is, I believe, the most popular of these fireside styries. But to appreciate it, you should see the old grandmother in her blue-checked, home-spun dress, and bigh ret-ani-yellow turban, with five or six little woodly heads clustering about her laws, before a blazing fire, waiting for the sweet potatoes roasting i the ashes for their supper, and amusing themselves meanwhile with the story of "D3 Wolf, de Rabbit, an' de Tar Baby":

"Now de Wolf 'e berry wise man, but 'e not so wise as de Rabbit. De Rabbit, 'e mos' cunnin' man dat go on fo' leg. 'E

lib in de brier bush.

"Now de Welf'e done plant corn one 'ear, but Rabbit, 'e sin't plant nuthin' 'tall; 'e lib on Wolf corn all Winter. Nex' 'ear, Wolf ain't plant corn, 'e tink e-rn cop too poor; so'e plant groum' nut (that is, peanuts). Rabbit 'e do jus' de same

"Well, Wolf 'e biggin for tink someting wrong. 'E gone out in de mawnin', look at 'e groun' nut patch, look berry hard at Rabbit track, say: 'I s'picion somebody ben a tief my groun'

"Nex' mawnin', 'e 'gain meet mo' groun' nut gone, say same ting. Den 'e say: 'I gwine mek one skeer crow for set up in

dis yere groun' nut patch for skeer de tief. 'So 'e mek one ole skeer crow, an' set um in de middle ob

de groun' nut patch "Dat night, when Rabbit come will 'e baz for get groun' nut, 'e see de skeer crow stan' bery white in de moonshine, an' e' say: 'Wha dat?'

e see de skeer crow stan bery winte in de moonsane, an e say: 'Wha dat?' e say 'gain. Den nobody ain't say nuthin' un' e see nuthin' mooby, so' egone bedde closer, an' lectle closer till 'e git closer ter um, den' e pat out 'e paw an' tood-le skeer crow. Den 'e say: 'You ain't nuthin' but one old bundle o' rat! 'Wolf tink I gaine' fraid you' I mus 'b fool.' "50 'e kick ober de skeer crow, an fill 'e big wid groun' int, and gone back home to de brine tush.

an' gone back home to de orar ouss.
"Nex' mawnin', Wolf gane out for look at 'e groun' nut
patch, an' when 'e meet mo' groun' nut gone, an' de skeer
erow knock down, 'e berry mad. 'E say: 'Nebber you min'. I
fix ole Rabbit dat done tief all my groun' nut; jus' let m show you.

'So 'e mek one baby out o' tur, an' set up in 'e groun' nut paths, are cole and other than the paths are the part of the paths are t

so; 'Dis yere enty no skeer crow, dis yere mus' be one gall I mus' study 'pon dis.'
'So' et un roun' an 'spread out'e bag, an' sit down in de middle o' de goun' nut pteh an' look hard at de Tar Baby. Bimeby 'e say: 'Gal, what you name P.

"Gal ain't say anyting.

"Gal, why don't you speak me? What you do dere?"
"Den 'e listen long time, ain't bear anyting 'cept whip-poor-

will in 'e swamp, So 'e gone close up ter um, and say; you speak me, you min'! Gal, if you ain't speak me, I with in "swain", so 'e golie disse up têr un, and say: 'dad, 'gou speak ne, you min' [Gal, if you ain't speak me, I knock you 'f Lxnock you wid my right paw, den you thisk it tunder!' Tar Baby ain't say nuttin', so 'e knock um wil' e' right par 'ai' 'e paw stick! Den 'e bliggin for hieler: 'Gal, le' go me, I tell you le' go me, wha' for you hole me !I fyou don't

le' me, I knock you wid my lef' paw; den you tink it tunder and lighten too!

"Sô'e kick um 'gain wid 'c lef' paw, an' 'e lef' paw stick! Den 'e say: 'Gal, lef me loose, lef me loose, I tell you. If you don't I kick you wid my right foot, den you tink colt kick "So 'e kick um wid 'e right foot, an' 'e foot stick!

say: Now, agl, if you ain't lef me loos might yaluk I kick you wid my lef foot, den you thin hoss kick you.

'So' skick um wid 'e lef foot, an' 'e lef foot skick! Den 'e say: 'Min now, gal, i ain't do nuttin' to you, wha' for you hole me? Mebbe you tink I can't do nuttin' to you; ain't you

know I can bite you, though? If you ain't lef' me loose, I gwine bite you. Ain't you know my bite worse than sneke bite?'

"So 'e bite um, an' 'e nose stick."
"So 'e bite um, an' 'e nose stick."
"Nex' mawnin', 'fore san up, Wolf gone out to 'e grom.
"nut patch, for see what' e kin fin', an' 'e meet poo' Rabbit wid
'e paw, an' 'e feet, an' 'e nose, all farsten on Tar Baby, an' 'e
say: 'Enty I tole, you so' Look a yawnder! I reckon done say: 'Enty I tole you so?' "So'e tuk Rabbit off, an' say: 'You done tief half my groun'

"So e the Radout on an asy: 100 done der half my groun int, now what I gwine de wid you!"
"Den Rabbit bliggin for beg: 'Oh, Mansea Wolf, do le' me go, an' I nelber tief groun' nut no mo."
"Wolf say: 'No, Brudder Rabbit, you ben a tief my corn las' ear, an' you ben a tief my groun' nut dis'ear; an' now I gwine eat you up.

gwine cat you ug.

'Den Rabb! say: 'Oh, Maussa Wolf, do don't do me so, but le' me beg you. You ma' roas' me, you ma' teas' me, you ma' cut me up, you ma' eat me, but do, Maussa Wolf, whatebber you do, don't trow me in de brier lush. Ef you trow me

"So Wolf say: 'You ain't want me for trow you in de brier

"So Woit say: 'You am C want me for trow you in de brier bush, enty? 'dat juse' what I gwine do wid yow.'
"S''e fling um in de bramble bush, an' den Rabbit laugh, an' say: 'Hi! Maussa Wolf, sin' tyou know I lib in de brier bush? Ain'tyon know all my fambly born an' bred in de brier bush? Die juse' whar I want you for put me. How you is

gwine get me 'gain?'
"Den Wolf bery mad 'cause'c see Rabbit too wise man for him. 'E gone home an' tell 'e wife; 'No rabbit soup for din-

ner to-day

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ner to-day."

"An' dey biggin for contribe, an' dey mek plan for get Rabbit for come to deir house. So, one day, Wolf wife call Neighbor Dog, an' tell um: "Neighbor Dog, I want you for do one erran' for me. I want you for git on you hoss, an' ide fars' as errain for me. I want you for git on you hose, an' hide tars' as you kin fo Rabit Wolf, and the library and the first part of the dead, an' 'fo' e die leabe solum word 'e don' want nobody else for lay um out but Brudder Rabbit. An' do, Neigbbor Dog, beg um for come ober quick as 'e kin, so as we all hab de funeral, for Wolf, say 'e won't hab nobordy for lay um out but Brudder Wolf, say 'e won't hab nobordy for lay um out but Brudder

''So Neighbor Dog 'e git on 'e hoss au' ride fars' as 'e kin to Rabbit doo'. Den 'e knock an' say : 'Brudder Rabbit, Brudder Wolf dead, an 'e leate solum word 'e won't hab nobordy for lay um out but Brudder Rabbit.'

lay um out but Brudder Rabut.

"Rabbit asy: 'How, Brudder' oa' e ain't want nebordy ease for lay um out, an' Sister Wolf bez you for come ober an' lay um out, an' Sister Wolf bez you for come ober an' lay um out quick as you kins ode yall kin hab de settin' uy.

"So Rabbit git on 'e hoes an' ride to Wolf doe'; den 'e knock an' say: 'How'! I yeardy Brudder Wolf dead.'

"Wolf wife say; ' How' I yeardy Brudder Wolf dead.'
"Wolf wife say; ' Yes; 'e died for tru', an' 'e dies 'e leabe solum word 'e ain't want nobordy else for lay um cut but Brudder Rabbit.' "Den Rabbit say ; 'Kin I shum?' (see him.

"Den Rubbit say: 'Kin I shum 7 (see him.)
"So Wolf wife tuk um in de bedroom an' show um Wolf lie
on bed, cober up wid de sbeet. Rabbit lif up de conner of de
sheet, an' peep at Wolf. Wolf nebber wink! So Robbit tuk
out 'e snuff-box an' drop one little grain of snuff on Wolf nose,
an' Wolf sneeze!

"Den Rabbit say : 'Hi! how can dead man sneeze "So 'e git on 'e hoss an' ride home fars' as 'e kin. An' Wolf see Rabbit too wise man for him, an' nebber try for cotch um

"Paddy, my boy," said a gentleman to an Irishman, whom he observed fishing away at a deep pool, "that must be a favorite stream for trout." "faith, and sure it must be that same, for I bave been standing hey this three hours, and not two of 'em will come out of it."

Female Astronomers. - Two housewives in Fifeshire, who had gone out to give the pigs their supper, met at a gate, and naturally took advantage of such a favorable opportunity for a "twa-handed crack." "Losh, Peggy, woman," said one to the other, "I hear folks say there's a man i' the moon." 'Ou, ay," returned Peggy, "I've heard aboot him; but he canna be very fond o' his ain wife, for he's a-glowerin' this way."

Boys are sometimes endowed with remarkable memories. We know a family in this city consisting of one girl and a boy-the latter about seven years old. They were sitting one evening around the table engaged in telling each other how far back they could recollect. The little girl recollected when she had a "Doll that cried." The boy here spoke up and said that he recollected worse than that. "How worse?" chimed in half a recollected worse than that. "How worse?" chimed in half a dozen voices in a breath. "Why, I recollect four weeks afore I was born, and I cried all the time for fear 1'd be a gal."



PROVING TOO MUCH.

Fastidious Traveler.—" Are you sure these sheets are clean and dry?" Chambermido.—" Quite sure, sir—they were only washed this morning."

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For Miss Jockie Clubbs-Something very fast-2:40-too forte, in fact-which may be translated too loud.



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EARLY GRAMMAR.

"Oh, mamma, do make Miss Linner don't leave off. She sings so very nively!—niverly than you do even!!—nivestly of anyone
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The Musquito.

I HAVE chosen the musquito as a subject of a few remarks. The musquito has often chosen me as an object of sundry at-tentions which, though small in themselves, go to make up the sum total of existence.

Our relations have ever been most intimate, so that I shall feel at liberty to criticise him in the most familiar manner.

There is a diversity of opinion in regard to the musquito. He is held by many to be the foe of the human race; others see in his life and labors a mission to develop patience among men while some regard him as especially designed to promote vi-tality, and assist digestion in the warblers of the sky-meaning birds -which eat him.

By reason of such a diversity of opinion, it will be seen that there is great difficulty in reaching a just estimate of his character.

However, there are some facts which cannot be disputed. Whatever the general opinion, the musquito possesses at least some traits which are worthy of admiration : for instance the remarkable degree of selfpossession which the musquito at all times, and under all circumstances, displays, is worthy of note, and cannot be too highly commended. Whatever tumult may be around him, the musquito remains calm: if overcome by the fury of the moment you strike at him with a clinched hand, he will calmly gaze at you without exhibiting

any sign of anger.

The musquito never waits for an introduction. He will seize you by the hand, or even salute your cheek, on a very short acquaintance. He is persistent in his advances, and is not to be put off by coll looks or warm words.

It may be said that the musquito sticketh closer than a

His enemics must concede him to be a fair foe. He comes to the conflict with a note of defiance, which is more disheartening than a huge army.

Like love, the musquito laughs at locksmiths and musquitobars. It is interesting to sit by a window any evening, and If he is within two miles he proceeds for that watch him. When he arrives he begins to try the various avenues window. of approach, with a view to effect an entrance. He goes to in a systematic sort of way that sets the heart pit-a-pat, while, und r his scrutiny, the efficacy of your double-power musquito-defier becomes a matter of gigantic interest. He diligently searcheth an aperture. He enters one of those long, bandy legs of his, and then tries to follow it. It is only a matter of time, for he has been known, as a last resort, to gnaw the cotton, file the copper wire of opposing barriers in order to effect his nefarious designs. Then he commits himself to downy wings. He affects not to notice you. He appears to be making for the other side of the room. the affects not to notice you. He appears to be making for the other side of the room. You know better. You have been watching him narrowly. You gently lift your left foot. You quietly remove the slipper therefrom. Then you rustle your robes at him, much as you would urge the course of a reluctant hen. He is driven to the wall. The slipper is raised, and then-

"Drop thy mantle, O darkness! shroud over A field as red as a field of clover!"

Thus the tragely closes. You look upon the ruin you have wrought, and soliloquize, "Thou, base ingrate! Is this the creature for whom my blood was shed!" Then your attention is called to the fact that a dozen or so of

the red avengers are on your track.

To give any fair idea of the powers of musquitoes in the various

sections of our land would be a task beyond the limits of this article. Stories of their daring and lawlessness are so frequent Stanislaus-Bernard-Paul-Fellx-Damans, come in out of that.



THOSE SLIPPERY IRONCLAD COAL-HOLE COVERS .- THE WAY OF THE BACKSLIDER IS WARD .- VPRY

The musquito is gregarious. He loveth the society of men. and unanimous that any person claiming a reasonable amount He has a frank, dashing way, which formal people think savors of that familiarity which often breeds contended and alarm.

Allowance must be made for some exaggeration, truly; but when we see a musquito bend his bill almost double in the frantic attempt to pierce a double sole and tap, we are forced to admit that, like man, the musquito is "fearfully and wonderfully made.

> It has been discovered that the word quick can be pronounced quicker by adding two more letters to it.

> "Gently the dews are o'er me stealing," as the man said when he had five due-bills presented to him at one time.

> ONE person asked another if he believed in the appearance of spirits. "No," was the reply, "but I believe in their disappearance, for I've missed a bottle of gin since last night."

A PHERNOLOGIST told a man that he had combativeness very largely developed, and was of a quarrelsome disposition. "That isn't so," said the man, angrily, "and if you repeat it I'll knock you down."

What is the greatest feat in the eating way ever known? That recorded of a man who commenced by bolting a door, after which he threw up a window, and then sat down and swallowed a whole story

"Anna, dear, if I could attempt to spell Cupid, why could I not get beyond the first syllable?" Anna gave it up, where-upon William said, "Because when I come to C u, of course I cannot go any further."

THE father of Dorabella recently found that little girl's hands the rather of Doracella recently found that little girl's hands full of blossoms of a beautiful tearose on which he had bestowed great care. "My dear," he said, "didn't I tell you not to pick one of those flowers without leave?" "Yes, papa," said she, "but all these had leaves."

When the late King of Saxony didn't come into supper promptly in the days of his youth, his father would go to the back door and would cry sharply to his son and heir, "You, John-Neopomue-Maria-Joseph-Anthony-Xavier-Vincent de Paul-

3d month.



A FLOWER OF FASHION.

Fashionable Millinger.—"You'll have the flower on the lift side of the count, of course, madam?"
Fashionable Lady.—"Well-er-no! The fact is, there's a filler on the left side of my pew in church, so that only the right
side of my head is seen by the congruption."
Fashionable Lady's Husbard.—"Ya-as. Or even the church, you know, if necessary."

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The Danbury Boy.

That boy of Coville's has been in trouble again. He was playing in Mrs. Coney's yard, next door, right after dinner, lately.

He had Mrs. Coney's dog harnessed to a wash-hoi er, and was driving up and down a cobile walk, when that lady came out with a fincer in each ear, and told him he must clear out, as she expected company at two o'clock, and his noise was altogether too much for the consistoned.

His obedience was more prompt than she had any reason to expect, or even desire. In fact, he left at once, first giving the boiler a kick that nearly de capitated the dog at both ends.

Mrs. Coney was obliged to unhitch the dog herself, which she did after having considerable trouble in catching him.

It appears that the bell at Mrs. Coney's door is somewhat stiff in the spring, and rather difficult to sound. This fact was well known to young Coville, and while Mrs. Coney was chasing the dog, the youthful miscreant stole into the house, and, with the help of a file, fixed that door-bell so it wo !/d pull easy.

At two o'clock, promptly, the pastor of Mrs. Couey's church came up on the step of Mrs. Coney's house, and being aware that the bell-pull required considerable muscle, save it a sharptwitch, and immediately left the step head first, which was the standard of the standar



MANTER OF THE HOUSE.—"Bridget, where's your Mistress?"
BRINDET.—"Shure, sir, she's gone off wid a Dutchman."—(Mistress of house, who is
passionately found of dancing, had told her to say she had gone to a German.)



MAMMA.—" Aren't you glad to see me well again, dear! If I had died, Johnny would have had no mother."

JOHNNY.—" Well, Ma, p'r'aps not; but when you was sickest, Pa was gettin' awful spooney on Miss Smithors."

through the blinds all the time, was very much shocked by the accident, but promptly led the gentleman into the house, and as promptly dressed his wounds.

An examination of the bell revealed that it had been trifled with, and as Mrs. Coney was quite confident Coville's boy had done it, she reported to Mrs. Coville that she actually heard him say the other day that he would "fix that bell."

MR. MACAULAY once observed that prize sheep were only fit for candles, and prize essays to light them.

A surgeon writes from the goldfields of Australia that he has now quite discarded the lancet, and opens the yeins with a pickax.

A MAN in Indiana, on returning home from a lusiness journey, recently, found that his wife, during his absence, had raffled all the furniture and then departed. The sheriff arrested him for allowing gambling on his premises.

A very pedantic young man, wishing to ask a young lady if he might speak to her for a few moments, wanted to know "if he could roll the wheel of conversation around the axle-tree of her understanding for a moment." The poor girl fainted.

DRY. — A jeweler labeled some diamonds in his window as being "as sparkling as the tears of a young widow." A customer looked in, and said he thought, under those circumstances, the water would not prove enduring. The label is not there now.



"I COULD A TALE UNFOLD."

DISTINGUISHED AMATEUR.—"Ee-er-meet me—er in an hour's time at the 'Three Coppes'—when—er—er—I will confide to the—er—er—the particulars of the dark servet, which—er-er—I cannot now nellate!" (And for an excellent reason! He had forgotten his part and mislad his book.)

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A Startled Bridegroom.

Nor many weeks ago a wealthy and middle-aged lackbor of San Francisco seponaed one of the darest daughters of 't active, and the weiding was celebrated in one of the most rashi-mable churches, and in the presence of an assembly of the coine of a coine of San Francisco society. The Indegreeon was a fortyous citizen. There had even been rumors to the effect that when he made the overland journey he left behind in 'the Stites' a wise and two children, and these rumors were awkwardly revived when his recent marries was first announcedidentifying the control of the control of the control of the decidably rich and respectable, and people were generally disposed to pass over his antecedents without sail jesting them to scrutiny that might prove disaspreadtle. And so the wedding

day arrived. When the forty-niner and his bride turned from their places in front of the aitar, after the clergyman had pronounced them man and if the speciators were astoniched to see a tail, dismal-looking and sub-leabiled in the speciators of the speciators of the special to the special

step into this pew."

The forty-miner did so, while the assembled company busied itself in winking and whispering, and looking alternately at the fainting bride and the agonized bridegroom. "When a man gets married, sir," said the dismal gentleman, "it is necessary for him to look with pradence upon the future, and he

cessary for him to look with prateince upon the tuture, and he cannot begin too soon. Now, sir, a lot in the Oakdale Cemetery, which association I repre—."

The sentence was never finished. There was a chorns of frend-shrieks, and a general rush of gentlemen, as the forty-niner was suddenly observed to stize his interviewer by the collar and kick him into the alsle. The enterprising cemetery agent was quitely disposed of, the trembling bride regained her color and composure, and thereafter all went merry as a marriage bell.

WHY is time the best pickle?— Because "Time cures everything."

To MARE a winter short give a ninety-day note, without grace, right away. March will then come before you know it.

A young clergymen, small of stature, preaching as a candidate in a ce tain place, one Sabbath, peering over the pulpit Bible, annumed as his taxt, "It is I. Be not afraid."

A modern philosopher thinks it a mistake to suppose women have stronger attachments than men. A man is often attached to an old hat; but he asks, "Who ever heard of a woman being attached to an old bonnet?"

Wittes on the pent sula during, the war, as officer came across a private belonging to one of the most predatory companies of the Irish Brigade, with the lifeless bodies of a goos and a hen tied belong the pent of the pent

"There is no rose without a thorn." Quiz says there is--a rim-rose.

STAND up for all your rights; never allow even your watch to be run down.

"Do you keep matches?" asked a wag of a small chan'ller. "Oh, yes; all kinds," was the reply. "Then I'll take a trotting-match."

"What is system?" asked a young lady of a man of letters. "It is," replied the scholar, "a faggot of ideas, well arranged, and neatly bound together."

A LITTLE boy asked a lady friend of his mother's who made her teeth. She replied, "God." "Well," remarked the young hopeful, "Dr. Freeman made mother's, and they boat yours by a long sight."

A Lady said to her servant, "Are the pigs fed?" which was heard by Sir Walter Raleigh, who was her guest, and who made the sane inquiry of the lady himself. "Sir," said she, "you know bots whether you have had your breakfast."

"A norse! A horse! My kingdom for a horse!" cried a celebrated tregodiam. "Wouldn't a jackass do as well?" inquired an affected young man, rising in his seat. "Yes," triumphantly exclaimed the actor; "just step this way, sir." The young man sat down.

Oxe's domestic habits sometimes stand one in good stead. A worm in New York lately broke a burglar's head with a boot-jack, and put him to ignominious flight. Nothing but continual practice in her own family circle could have made her so efficient with the weapon.

Two MEN, disputing about the pronunciation of the word "either"—one saying it was sether, the other, ther—agreed to refer the matter to the first person they met, who happened to be from Ireland, and confounded both by declaring, "It's nayther, for it's ayther."



SELF-EVIDENT.

OLD MAID.—"Were you going to pin that on me, you bad boy."

Ban Box.—"Mo, I was goin to put it in the window. Anybody can see what you want without a sign"



Let me kiss him for his mother."

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The Steam Jackass.

A MAN living near Nashville, Washington County, Ill., has re cently invented an apparatus to take the place of whistles for railroad signals, steamboats, firealarms, factory calls, and the but the popular name is the "Steam Jackass." The inventor is a stock-farmer, and has devoted much of his time to raising mules, whose habits and anatomy he appears to have studied care-On his farm there was a mule of more than ordinary vocal power, whose voice could be heard a distance of four miles in every direction, when he once got warmed up to his work. The owner computed that if he could set in motion all the air in a circle of eight miles in diameter, or twenty-five miles in circumence, or an area of fifty square miles, or 32,000 acres, a 100-horse power jackass could, all the other things being equal, rival any

other noise yet discovered.

He established the fact that the
power of an ordinary ass is about
noe-twelft hot an indicated steam
power. A steam engine of 1,000horse power would therefore,
sees. Wherefore, if one ass can
fill a circle eight miles in diameter. 12,000 jackasses, or one
1,000-horse power jackass would
fill a circle of 96,000 miles in

diameter.

The inventor thought all this over carefully, arriving at the deduction that if he could take nature is voal apparatus, and apparatus and more satisfactory volume of sound. Filled with this idea, he put the mule to death, and carefully severed the head from the boly. Chlorde of zinc and arrenic into the veins and arteries of the head and neck to prevent decay of the flesh. Indis-rubber was disasolved in sulphuric ether, and solved in sulphuric ether, and traches or wind-pips, and also though the largus or throat.

through the larynx or throat. The ether evaporated, leaving a film of rubber on the membranes, and the injection and evaporation were continued until the rubber film was found of sufficient thickness. These organs were then subjected to a vapor of sulphun, heated to 800 degrees, by which process the rubber was vulcanized; its elasticity increased, and it is membranes rendered imperious to steam, increased, and it is membranes rendered imperious to steam the subject of the subject o

It was a moment of agony to the inventor, as he placet like as-head in the hands of an assistant, and slewly pulled the valve open—a moment of thrilling interest. As the steam was turned on, it passed into the wind-pipe, expelling the air and producing a sigh, followed by a groun, a snort, a chuckle, then a violent courting and sneeding.

As a full had of steam was turned on, the most tearful noise, the most frightful gulme, the most veigrious heavy that ever assailed morfal ease, were produced. The lips contracted, disclosing a terrible array of teelt; the features developed a statuc grin; the juw rose and fell, as the steam crowded the gring the head of the steam of the steam conduction of the personnes. The man who was holding the head gazed upon it a moment, with dilated eyes, colories cheeks, knocking knees, and protrading tenzue; then, suddenly losing all interest in the performance, he endignated. As for the invertor, his access, and protrading tenzue; then, suddenly losing all interest in the performance, he endignated. As for the invertor, his access making them contemplated the head—his consteamnee working with every manifestation of intense deligit, then he, too, sarred, prob. by! put on a string.



CONFUSING OCCURRENCE AT CONEY ISLAND

Bellamy Brown and his Arabella having thrown their wet bathing-suits out of the window, suddenly ascertain that they are each in the other's bathing-house. What are they going to do about it?

to learn the greatest distance to which that voice would penetrate, leaving it still in operation, with all stam on.

The head had now got fully warned up to its work, and that bray went furthing through the universe. It was an acoustic earthquake; a sky-shuke; it was a storm, a hurricane of sound, a tornado, a cyclence of noise; it is was a donnkey carnival, a jackass Fourth of July. It was the greatest success the world has ever known.

Why is a jailer in danger of becoming corrupted ?—Because he keeps bad company.

Why are my cyes like a severe military flogging?—Because they have got long lashes.

An old coquette is like a rose-bush in Winter; the flowers and leaves having fallen off, the beauty and fragrance gone, nothing is left but the thorns.

"No man," said Mrs. Partington, "was better calculated to judge a pork than my poor, dear husband was; when he was living poor man, he knew what good hogs were, for he had been brought up among 'em from his childhood."

Time Danbury Nose says: "All little boys are not indifferent to the needs of their little elseters. There is an ingenious lad in Pine Street, who snow-halls obese pedestrians with the view to making them doige. The strain they are thus subjected to making them doige. The strain they are thus subjected to gathers after t every them to the properties of the properties gathers after t every them to the properties of the subject to put on a string.



BOY IN THE DISTANCE .- " Go for him, Billy ! I'll be back by me-by."

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Equine Cussedness.

A QUADRUPED WITH AN EYE TO LANDSCAPE EFFECTS AND MATHEMATICS.

HE felt sure he could drive the horse. He had only a block to go. There was on the wagon about a half a cord of wood. and the road was good; but after walking a few yards the horse concluded to wait and think awhile. He had an eye for land-scape, that horse. So there he stood, viewing things at his leisure, and occasionally his head down, as if solving some

knotty problem.

he found it was becoming monotonous to both himself and horse, and so he tricd the persuasive "g'lang there, now;" effects identical as with other method. So the driver got mad, and went in for breaking things He sawed away at the lines for dear life, shouted, whipped, and cursed, but that horse hadn't made up his mind to move just yet, and, of course, he couldn't think of it. So some drivers came up with whips and began tickling the horse on both sides in a very forcible manner, but at every stirring appeal of the lash he only put his head down in silence, and showed symptoms of raising his hind feet to measure the distance in a circular way between his heels and the driver's

The man in charge of the beast modestly re-tired, and as the horse showed a further disposition to still measure the distance, he retired still more, and finally sat perched up on the last stick of wood on the wagon, with the lines stretched to their utmost capacity, and all the while calling upon those drivers to leave off "tickling that horse, as he felt sure he was making up his mind to break things. So a small army of team sters came up, took a long strap, and fastened it to the bit, and then all hands got hold of it, and began to pull. But the horse just planted his two fore-feet on the ground, and let his neck out to its fullest extent, and in this position, while the boys were yelling, "All together, now, heave yo!" the noble animal maliciously winked his men were not putting their strength where it

tnerr strength where it would do the most good. Two heavy wagons, with teams atwould do the most good. Two heavy wagons, with teams attuched, were then placed on each side of the load of wood, and
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"No, I didn't, but by thunder I will." And he did. tachel, were then placed on each side of the load of wood, and thus forced the wagon along; and so long as that idea was adhered to, the pensive animal would accompany the procession, but when they left off he fell into a relapse, and began to view

but when they left off he left into a relapse, and began to view the scenery again, and solve the knotty problem.

Another method was adopted. A strap was fastened to the bit, and fied to the end of a wagon drawn by two horses. They were started up gently in order to draw the contrary beast, but were stated up getting in the stable" elongated himself to the utmost as the wagon ahead moved onward, and, when further resistance was impossible, the strap broke—snapped in two—and left that best friend of man master of the situation. The perfidious

roadster grinne I a ghastly grin of triumph, further illustrating the superiority of mind over matter, and, also, that "when there's a will there's a way." As there was no prospect of getting any further this season at that rate of locomotion, the idea was abandoned, the animal lifted around, all hands got behind the wagon and pushed it, much against the horse's will, back again, and that same malicious grin was spread over the face of the charming animal when we were compelled to come

A CERTAIN near-sighted lady could never be induced to admit The youth, who was sure he could drive him, "git up'd" till the fact, but persisted in declaring that her sight was excellent. One day a waggish neigh-

bor stuck a needle in the side of a barn, and placing her on the other side of the road, asked her if she could see it. "Oh, yes," she replied, looking in the direction indicated;

A LITTLE boy was re-cently presented with a toy trumpet, to which he became greatly attached. One night, when he was about to be put in his "little led," and was ready to say his prayers, he handed the trumpet to his grandmother, saying, "Here, gran'ma, you blow while I pray!"

Those who go round with the contribution box in California churches, plead and argue the case as they go along. One of these gentlemen recently extended the tox to a rough-looking miller, who slow y shook his head. "Come, William, give something," said the deacon. "Can't do it, deak," said Bill. "Why not? Isn't the cause a good one?" "Yes, good good one?' "Yes, good nuff; but I ain't able to give nothin'." "Pooh; pooh! I know better. You must give me a better reason than that." Well, I owe too much money." "Well, but William, you owe God a much larger debt thah any one else." That's any one else." That's true, but He aint' a-pushin' me like the rest of my creditors."

MR. HORNABY, of Fond du Lac, attempted to go down the cellar, the other night, to get a pitcher of cider. His wife warned him to be careful, and not break the pitcher. He slipped on the first stair, and fell to the bottom, skinned his elbows and knees, bumped his head, broke his nose, tore his coat, and landed on the cellar-floor a total wreck,

What a contrast there sometimes is between the adjective and its adverb! For example, the one who is constant in love, and the one who is constanty in love.

A twyrrs in Brocklyn has filled durchter, aged four years, that will be one of the petitionsted diplomatits of the future. Becently her mother, returning from church, found her mashaling a long array of her brother's toy soldiers on the nursery floor. "Are you playing with soldiers on Sunday, Louise" 'Oh, dees are de army of the Lord," was the quick response."



LOOKING FOR THE COMET.

eyes, and thought these "Mine Gott! A comet mit a plack dail! und me dishcovert him! by grayshus men were not putting it goes wiggly-waggly! I delegraph to the Insdidood ride away!"

7th month.



THE LIGHT OF OTHER DAYS.

Mary.—Arthur, dear, I am irresistibly reminded that tong you used to sing to me in the good old days of our courting. What was it?

ARTHUR (grunt).—"Herevit a notion, love."

For I am contented to bide in the shadow

Mary.—"Let use use—it used to run:

For I am contented to bide in the shadow

[I athur dears] so it.

JULY.

'For I am contented to bide in the shadow So long as the sunbeams fall brightly on thee!" [Arthur doesn't see it 31 days.

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A DREAM OF THE FUTURE.



In the dead waste and middle of the night, Mr. Thinshanks hears a "buzz."



The musquito invites his friends to dinner. They come, in full



He goes for the "buzzar."



They seize Mr. Thinshanks. He sereams for help, and



And the "buzzar" for him; the musquite scores "first blood."



Wakes up. " Thank heaven, 'twas but a dream."

8th month.

MOON'S PHASES.



"As you're going to say you're prayers, Maud, PLEASE mention I'm so dreadfully tired I can't say mine to night, but I'll be sure to remember to-morrow?" AUGUST.

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CATCHING THE EARLY TRAIN.



His dignified quick step,

A Smart Farmer.

A STORY is told of a couple of farmers who lived not a great distance apart, one of whom was noted for being very penu-rious. One day his neighbor called upon him while he was eating dinner, but instead of asking him to sit down to the table with him, he kept on eating and talking, just as though the visitor hadn't a mouth in his head. "Well, what is the news, neighbor Brown?"

"Nothing much. "No news up your way?" he asked, still helping himself to his good dinner, while his neighb. r looked on with anxiety and

appetite.

Well, yes, now that I think on't, there is just a grain of well, yes, now that I think on't, there is just a grain of the calves," replied the visitor. news. Mr. Jones's cow has got five calves," replied the visitor.
"Five calves! I never heard of such a thing. Why, what



Hearing the locomotive whistle, he runs

the dickens does the fifth one do when the other four are sucking?

"Why, he stands and looks on like a dumb fool, as I am doing now

'Oh, ah! Hannah, put down another plate."

A HORSE-JOCKEY hearing some gentlemen conversing alout the "Latin races," politely requested to be informed "where them races was run," and "what was the name of the winnin' osses."

"HALLO!" I said, "what did you say your medicine would cure?" "Oh, it'll cure everything; heal everything." "Ah! well, I'll take a bottle; maybe it'll heel my boots; they need it bad enough.

"In looking at some of the pictures that I see here," writes a correspondent from abroad, "I can imagine that they were painted by an artist of whom I heard the following story in B. unsels the other day. His indight af tireds had prised his attempts at drawing and painting to such an extent that the youth really inpagined himself an artist. His wealthy friends even bought his pictur s for considerable sums, 'to encourage him.' The youth was thus the victim of his friends-as so many others are. Recently, in walking along the main street in Brussels, he was much delighted at seeing one of his pictures, finely framed, in a dealer's window, especially as he was with a lady before whom he wished to appear in the best light possible. Calling the attention of the lady to the picture, he said, 'Pardon me, but I have some curiosity to know how my pictures stand commercially;' and with that the two entered the



He flies.

shop. 'My good woman,' said he to the keeper of it, 'what is the price of the picture in the window there?' 'That?' 'Yes.' 'Three francs and a half.' 'Mon Dieu!' cried the artist, re-coiling. The shopwoman, thinking the exclamation to be surprise at her high price, said, 'Bless me, it includes the frame!

AIR OF IMPORTANCE, -One's first breath.

To WOULD-BE POETS .- Lame verses should always be bound in limp cloth.

TRUTH IN RHYMS.—The girl of this age is unfit to be wed who don't understand how to mak: nice sweet bread. And the man is a dunce who a partner will take who don't understand cooking coffee and steak.



He catches the train.



A FANCY (BALL) SKETCH.

KING CHARLES .- "Ya-as! A fella with a figa had some chance then!"

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The Commencement of a New Novel.

Charms I.— In a clingy room sat an old man writing with a Boman nose and tall hat. Not far from him a broken-back Boman nose amende that supported his daughter with rickety legs and cracked rangs. In the same identical room was an o'd worm blowing the fire with a lean cat under an old store leing the wife of the old man writing with a Boman nose. In a corner might be seen table which he swallowed without chewing. The whole scene table which he swallowed without chewing. The whole scene was overlooked by an old clock ornamented with Pocahonas saving John Smith with three leas covered with colwebs and wound up every eighth day by the old man with a brass key. Ever and anon the thought the broken window might be seen a woman cutting cabbages with a bay on her arm through the

shattened panes of which daylight feebly shone. Another window looked out upon the street where stood a little man wiping the sweat from his face with a hand-organ, currying a with a hand-organ, currying a which he had thought in vain to get a few cents from the old man writing with a tall hat. Such were the lodgings of the miser being the old man writing with the kloman noise on seemed as if to thrifty troom had ever entered there.

A Disappointment.

Our neighbor Chubb (says Max Adeler) has not much of an ear for music, but he has spent a considerable sum in having his daughter taught how to hammer a piano, and he is proud of her accomplishments. He was talking with us over the fence the other day, when a series of dreadful sounds came from his piano through the open parlor window. Presently Chubb remarked, "Do you hear that, Adeler? Just listen to that, will you? That's what I call music." Then there were a few additional bangs on the instrument, a flourish or two, and then more discordant thumping. "Splendid, isn't it?" said Chubb. "Mary Jane's bustin' the music right out of that machine, you observe Them's the Strauss waitzes, I believe, she's rastlin' with now. Just listen." We remarked that from the energy displayed Mary Jane at least seemed to be really in earnest. But whe her she was treating Mr. Strauss exactly right was an open question. "Idon't know nothin' about music, Adeler," observed Chubb, "but I kin tell the real thing when I hear it, and I kin sit and hear Mary Jane play them waltzes and the Maiden's

Progre until it makes me cry like a child. We asserted that, if she played those compositions as she was doing now, it would make anybody cry. A deaf-mute would shel tear. 'tiketh to that now, will you'r exclaimed Chuib, as a wild tunnit of sound came from the puntor. Is all that splendil II I dink I now it was Mary and the concert. Let's go we not of them fellers who play at the concert. Let's go we not of them fellers who play at the concert. Let's go we have here the cutered the house and sought the parlor. Mary Jane was nowhere to be seen; but, to the infinite disgust of Clubb, there was a red-laired man, with a fast as big as a load of bread, tuning the piano. Chubb cased us not to tell any-concerns the contract of the

A Milwaukee Incident.

THERE is a young lady out West who has the misfortune to talk in her sleep, and it is said she will answer unconsciously necession which are screets in her walking hours. She is waited upon by a timit young man, who has never been able to screw his courage up to the "sitcking-place," and ask her to morry

He went up one night recently, and entering the front door, as was his habit, without ringing the bell, he saw his Dulcinea

as was his habit, without ringing the bell, he saw his Duteinea saleep on the parlor sola.

He hesitated a moment over the propriety of advantage without announcing himself, when he heard his own name softly expressed from between those coral lips. Immediately the pentup burden of his heart broke out it words:



FIFTH AVENUE SCENE.

The reason Bridget was not afraid to be left alone while the family were at Saratoga.

- "Yes," was the soft response from the sleeper.
 "Will you marry me?"
- "Yes."
- "Shall it be in a year?"
- "Any time."
 "Let it be in six months."
- There was a moment's silence and suspense, when the lips again moved, and the young man heard distinctly the little word, "May." He stepped cautiously back, and glided quietly from the house. He has been up every night since, but has not referred to the conversation with the sleeper. May is a very

pleasant month, but is rather too soon for the young man.

The two colors which are indiscernible are invisible green and blind man's buff,

10th month.



31 days.

MISTRESS.—4 Jane, tell cook P. Il come down and see what she wants done to the store, as the builder's coming to-morrow? JARE.—70h, please 'um, I don't think we can ask you into the kitching to-day, mum, as cook and me's got a small and early "of 'one' this afternoon, num." OCTOBER.

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AMATEUR THEATRICALS.

Fitz-Jones .- " Oh, by the-bye, let's see, you play De Montmorency and Smith the Shevalcer Venizzio; but who !-here, I say !who's going to take 'Omnes'?"

An Americanized Version of Victor Hugo's Story.

WHOEVER has read Victor Hugo's "Ninety-Three" will see by the following extract that he has a formidable rival in this count y, who proposes to give some remarkable chapters on the history of Massachusets, which, for telling effect, shall throw the French novelist into the shade

CHAPTER T

In the year '73 the yearly muster of the Massachusetts Militia was hell in Mill Village

Mill Village borders on Delham,

Dedham is a town.

Mill Village is a suburb.

It has a place in history-this gloomy town of Dedham.

The triped pig was littered here

First the pig was hailed as part of a Revolution.

Then came a bore

Between Mill Village and Dedham is an immense forest, covering nearly an acre—dark, gloomy and impenetrable.

Malefactors and refugees from justice were safe in its dense

The savage skunk and the wily weazel walked boldly about beneath its heavy undergrowth.

A battalion from the camp had been ordered to duty in this terrible place.

They advanced slowly, each soldier poking away the brinches, and letting them snap back in the face of the man behind him. Sergeant Shubael Stiggins, a veteran who had served through

the Dorr Rebellion, led the advance. Sud lenly the sergeant stubbed his toe against a rock

The concussion between No. 14 brogan and the Massachusetts

granite was terrible. It was the hommer and the anvil.

The sergeant's toe-nail was split clean off

He swore one of those terrible New England oaths at which men shudder

He said, "Gaul Durn It!" This horrible exclamation awoke a child who was slumbering

behind a stump His head was pillowed on a pine box, and a Irn h Ly besi'e

He leoked fearlessly up into the savage face of the sergeant with the courage of childhood.

"What a beast of a wood is this," said the sergeant, "where, when one stubs one's toe, children spring up like toadstools! What dost thou here, little one?

The fair-haired, innocent child drew the sleeve of his ragged jucket across his nose, looked smilingly into the face of his interlocutor, and, spitting on his brush, said, "Shine 'em for yer, Old Beeswax? Want yer leather trunks japaned?"

A big tear rolled down the bronzed check of the sergeant, and

was lost in the tobacco-juice at the corners of his mouth.

The battalion flung their caps in the air, and shouted, "He shall be the child of the regiment."

Said the sergeant, "We have caught a shiner."

What is that which goes from London to Bath without ever moving ?-The turnpike road.

Why is a sail-maker like a man beginning an election?-Because he is about the canvas.

INK is the black sea on which thought rides at anchor. Some thoughts are as black as the sea upon which they ride, and in

such eases it is a pity that they ever weigh anchor. An editor, in correcting an error of the press, says; "Our

account of the thunder-storm, last week, contained a slight error; instead of hailstones as large pullets, read bullets."

A NEGRO was driving a mulc in Jamaica, when the animal suddenly halted and refused to budge an inch. "Won't go, hey?" sail the boy; "feel grand, do you? I s'pose you forgot dat your farder was nuffin but a jackass!"

A GALLANT was lately sitting behind his beloved, and being unable to think of anything else to say, asked her why she was like a tailor? "I don't know," said she, with a pouting lip, "un'ess it is because I'm sitting beside a goose."

Horror seized the hearers on being told by a German soldier of the late war that he had captured a French spy and swal-lowed the same; but the sensation was modified when it was explained that it was a French pie which had been thus disnose 1 of.



"MOST MUSICAL, MOST MELANCHOLY."

Mrs. Gushinoton Parenue.—" I'ery nice. What is the name of that piece, death?" NIECE.—"It's a sonata, aunt."
Mrs. G. P.—(who imagines she decests something of the Italian in the title).—"Ah, yes—delightful. It's considered a very fine open too, is it not, darn?"

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A WIDOWER'S GRIEF: HOW BROWN MOURNED HIS BETTER HALF,



He tried to keep his spirits up. In vain! They left him down in the mouth.

ALLGATORS AND ENGLISHMEN.—"I suppose," said I, "that there's no doubt about an alligator's enting duck?" "Doubt about is," repeated the captain. "Bloss my buttons, you ask this yere Cap'n Peters irm'n yere at Enterprise about it. He knows. I seen him fifteen years ago with Arthur Sunner an' three English fortis—their names was Sykes—schootif udoks—their hands was sykes—schootif udoks—their butter in the state of the symmetric and the lords kivered up in the madien cance, a poppin 'away like porter-bottles, an' the ducks a fallin' like rain, in a little set-of from the river. As last as a duck fell a 'gator picked him up. Thar wuz three jeators in the set-off, an' the way they teek down the ducks was a custion to easies. You ought to



In vain ! So, pious man, he threw himself on his knees.

hev seen Peters an' the Enzlish lord when they stepped shootin are began to look for the ducks. That want is a duck in sight but that was three 'gators with their heads out of was, a lookin' at the English nords, an' a sayin', 'Bully for you, beg' We don't know your names, but you're duin' as a power o' good. 'It didn't take the English lords long to get tired o' duck-shootin'. The 'gators want's satisfied with takin' their ducks, but they made way with three of their booled retrievers. Lord, young man, next to a nigger, a 'gator loves an English partiever.'

A New York alderman was applied to the other day to suppress the cattle nuisance; but he replied he did not care "a toss up" about it.

As elephant was recently knocked down in New York by a small, sickly man, who was an auctioneer.

A New York paper says that the middle-aged lady, of respectable connection, "who never nursel a tree or flower," has gone South to marry the blacksmith by whom "the last link was broken."

A say went into a butcher's shop, and finding the owner's wife in attendance, in the absence of her husband, thought be would have a Joke at her expense, and said, "Madame, can you supply me with a yard of pork?" "Yes, sin," said she. And then turn ing to a boy, she added, "James, give that gentleman there pig's feet has the property of the propert



Action was the only solace for his grief.

The Wood Friscouxs.—There are a number of Americans in Taris who know loss about the French language than they do considered to go to the circus. He went to a back driver and began a series of motions that looked very much as if he had performed the geometical problem of squaring a circle, and was trying to demonstrate it to "cabby." He whited on his heel, threw his arm around, described a circle with his hand, and pointed toward the Champs-Elysées. The driver pushed his hast back, put his with punder his arm, and gar the problems around the control of the control of the control of the circus you want to go to; and beful and why didn't you say to?



And sought consolation in the church.



MAUD.—"Oh, Unde George, I can see at least three gray hairs in your head?"

UNCLE GEORGE (with sentiment).—"Ah, my deer, all my hair will be gray soon?"

ETHEL.—"Never mind, deer Unde George! There's so very little of it that it won't much matter?"

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JOKE ON A STATE CONSTABLE.

—An old Boston toper, a rather salubrious chap, was once accosted by one of the State constabulary, and offered five dollars if he would show where he got his liquor. Toper pocketed the V, and bidding theofficer follow, led him a weary tramp of nearly an hour through back streets and alleys, up hill and down dale, till they arrived at a small tumble-down house in the suburbs. Up a rickety pair of stairs into the attic they went, past cobwebs, bunches of dried herbs, etc. Going to a corner the toper lifted a loose board in the floor, and thrusting his hand into the cavity, drew forth a black junk bottle, and with a facetions expression of countenance asked the official he would take something. The constable, perceiving he was tremendously sold, gave toper another five-spot to keep mum about the affair, and then immediately took his departure for headquarters. The story, however, was too good to keep, and has finally leaked out.

ONE day Edward Fox went with his brother Charles James Fox to witness the first balloon ascent made in England. There was a great crowd, and Fox detected a pickpocket attempt-



MURDER WILL OUT.

Caution to loving couples who go sleigh-riding not to kits too long. The above couple were frozen fast, and had to return as represented.



A MARKED MAN.

Mus. B.—"For goodness sake, what have you got all those placards for?"

BROWN.—" Well, if there's a smash-up on the ruilroad, I suppose you wouldn't like to have my head sent home with some other fellow's leys and arms."

ing to relieve bim of his watch. "My friend," said he, "you have chosen an occupation which will be your ruin at last." The thief burst into tears, and exclaimed, "Oh, Mr. Fox, forgive me, and let me go, I have been driven to this by necessity alone; my wife and children are starving!" Fox gave him a guinea, and he went away with blessings on his lips. Scon after, Fox, wishing to know what time it was, found his watch missing. " Good God," heexclaimed, "my watch is gone!" "Yes," answered his brother, "I saw your friend take it." "Saw him take it, and made no attempt to stop him!" "Really," said the general, "you and he appeared to be on such good terms with each other that I did not like to interfere."

How to become practically acquainted with the "rule of three."—Live with your wife, mother, and mother-in-law.

CHARLES LAMB was asked by a lady if he would not venture on an orange. "Madame," he said, "I should be very happy to do so, but I am afraid I should roll off."

Own of the editorial fiends of Dublin has recently indulged in matrinory, and here is a scrap of his philosophy: "The first really startling experience of the control of the control of the control of the control ing her hair, one end of the hair being held in her hand, and the other end attached, to a hook on the dressing-table."

OUR ARTIST ALWAYS ON THE SPOT.



Gets near the target to give accurate sketches.

A Whisky War Song.

Thus Demon of Rum is abroad in the land, His victims are failing on every hand:
The wise and the simple, the brave and the fair No station too high for his wengance to spare!
Oh, woman, the sorrow and p.in are with you And so be the joy and the victory, too;
With this for your motto and succor divine,
"The lips that touch liquor shall never touch mine!"

The homes that were huppy are ruined and gone, The hearts that were merry are wretched and lone, And lives full of promise of good things to come, Are ruined and wreck'd by the Demon of Run! Wives, maddens and mothers, to you it is given To rescue the fallen and point them to heaven; With toof for your gradle you will win by this sign, "The lips that touch liquor shall never booth mine!"

Oh, mothers, whose sons tarry lo g at the bowl, Who love their good name as you love your own soul? Oh, maidens, with fathers, and brothers, and beaux, Whose lives you would rescue from infinite wees! Let war he your watchword, from shore unto shore Till Rum and his legions shall ruin no more, And write on your bunners in letters that shine, "The lips that touch liquor shall never touch mine!"



Attends all shipwrecks-sketching from a spar.



Studies the great prima donnas at home.

A GENTLEMAN advertises, in a Washington paper, that he lost "a silver watch, with a gold face and gray frock-coat."

A Brooklyn sea ciptain, just returned from a tour of the Holy Land, expressed himself disgnsted with Jerusalem. "It is the meanest place I ever visited? There is not a drop of liquor in the whole town fit to drink."

A Paris correspondent says it is a current joke there that no filled person may be too old or ugly, or impoverished but that he may hope to pick up an American girl who will give heaps of dollars to become Madame la Buronne.

Owe of the queerest duels on record was that in which Sainte-Beuve was engaged. It began to rain slightly after he had taken up his position, whereupon he coolly held his unbredla over his head with the left hand while holding the pistol in his right. The expostulations of his witnesses had no effect upon him. "It is all very well to be killed," said the famous easyist, but I object to catching cold in my head."

There is a droll story about Perpianan, a literary Bohemian, having an encounter with Charles Maurice at five paces. The former having firch and contrived to miss, the other, taking a deliberate aim, said to his antagonist: "Well, now, lefore I send you into the other would, tell me what you are thinking of?" "I am thinking that fil were in your place I would not fine," and Perspan; and he owed his life to his presence of



At a public dinner-Loses his dinner, but not a word

OUR ARTIST ALWAYS ON THE SPOT.



Cool amidst the most fearful conflagration.

My Experience.

'Twas the night before Christmas, and out in the street, I'd be hailed by each friend that I'd happen to meet. With "Just who I wanted; come, let's take a drink." And take it I would, without stopping to think.

Many a rich bumper I raised to my lips, (Which perhaps may account for the manifold slips.) Be that as it may, far into the night I took many a drink, but nary a bite.

We drank to New Memphis and Memphis of old. (I had to do something to keep out the cold.) I drank to its future, with regrets of its past, Mingled with hopes that its present would last.

I drank to a friend and his beautiful charmer, (Bless her dear heart, I'd say nothing to harm her!) I drank him success in this lottery of life, But, greater success in getting a wife.

I drank to the old year just closing in gladness, And thought not of the short time just passed in its sadness. I drank to old friends of whom death had bereft me, And welcomed anew the ones that he left me.

I drank to the golden-haired girls of our eity.
I drank to the brunettes, both pretty and witty.
I drank to them all, not one could I pass,
But pledged fealty to woman in the deep social glass.



Inundations just in his line-Never at a loss in the wild waste of waters.



Sketched a recent explosion in the air.

I drank until night had finished its duty. I drank until morn op'ed in all of its beauty. I drank—well, of more I am not very certain, So over the rest draw charity's curtain.

Twas the morn after Christmas, and over in bed I restlessly turned with a bad aching head. And I thought with regret of the night that had passed, And swore with a vim that that spree was my last

A Homanom at Sex.—On one occasion a Highlander salled in a packet from Aberdeen to Granton. It was the first time that Donald land been on board ship, and the novel scene, interested him greatly. So long as the vessel was in smooth water he enjoyed the sail very much; but ere long a squall came on, causing the sail very much; but ere long a squall came on the sail very much; but ere long a squall about, and suffering; besides, from certain disagreeable internal sensations, he made his way to the 'cek to find out the cause of the ship's bad behavior. Arrived there, he was taking a survey of the scene, when his eyes lighted on the steersman. The latter did not work by the wheel, but by the old-fashioned, long handled raider; and, after cying his proceedings for a steathly way, and the instant he was in reach knocked him down by a blow with his fist, exclaiming, "Tak' that, you villain, for kittlin' her tail wit that stick, and makin' her jump."



Dies a martyr to his devotion to duty-He perished, but his sketch-book was used to the last stroke,

The Pitching Horse.

The pitching horse is an exotic in the East.

Texas is his country, his habitat, his home, On her prairies conly grow the juicy grasses that nourish the pitching propently in perennial vigor. He has never yet formed a taske for corn and oats. To see him quietly feeding and laying up material for future usefulness, you wouldn't dream of his wonderful canabilities.

He has a sluggish, hang-dog look. Is ay hang-dog for the sake of euphony—I never knew how to hang a dog. I have seen him kick one into sausages, but he didn't bang 'em up afterward. He had good reasons for it, I have no doubt, but he didn't mention them at the time.

There is no music in his soul. He has pitch enough, but lacks tone. He indulges in none of those sweet curtesies and domestic endearments which characterize the Arab barb when confined in the stalls of the booksellers.

He can be bought for twenty dollars without any trouble, but it is dangerous to try him any cheaper. Sanguing rentiemen who attempt it are generally raised by willing hands out of the mire and perplexities of this life, and transformed into post oak acorns. The transformation is interesting to a disciple of Pythagoras, but, to the party chiefly concerned, the elevation is lacking in the elements of true grandeur.

It is no trouble, though, to borrow one. You can borrow one to ride a



LOGIC OF THE PERIOD.

Daughter.—"Now, papa, since you don't drink any more, you must be so much better off.

I am going with some other ladies out praying against the liquor-sellers, and I want a new dress to pray in. It will only cost a hundred. Don't you see J.



A CHINESE CARICATURE,

Poor Fanny never know why all the men across the way were grinning at her, until she glanced backward and saw what was following her.

w ck, a month, six months-if you should live that leng.

leng. When I first came to Texas, I negotiated, with difficulty, the loan of a spotted animal named Downy, being assured by his master that he was as gentle as a nihele cow. This was a figurative expression, which it explain. But it seemed so absurd for a human heing in loots to require a gentler steed than a milch cow that I refrained.

He did look gentle. His cars hung loosely about a very unintellectual forehead, his legs we c built even from the ground up, and his fetlocks were four inches long. These marks were sure evidences of a lamb-like spirit when found in the horse of my native land.

I mounted him without besitation, and I dismounted him in the same way. As soon as I got comfortably scated in the saidle, he straightened his ears and drew a long breath. I did not know what this meant, but I found out afterward. He did not mean to let me ride him without a vigorous protest. If he had only taken the trouble to inform me in any lancuage that I understand the translated of the results of the results of the results of the results. But had the treated in the word is excessioned by people not understanding each other. He went up like a balloon. He came down like an

He went up like a balloon. He came down like an errolite. I started to say like a thunderbolt, but saw that would not do. There is some elasticity about a thunderbolt, but Downy's less were as still as the manners of an Eaglish tournst in Texas. I tried to dismount, but lefore I could get my right foot out of the stirrup he went up again. When he came down this time the jar was awful leyond de-cription.

I do not know what it is to be struck by lightning, but I do not dread it now like I used to. There might be something new in the filling up, but the general outlines of the feeling would be familiar to me.

The jar did not seem to hurt Downy, for he kept going up and coming down faster than I could count. And every time he struck the ground he bellowed like a bull. This was the only point of resemblance that, from first to last, I discovered between him and a mileh cow. It was not striking to be sure—but as corroborative, to a limited extent, of my friend is declineary, it was, on the My first thought was that the great wan of Texas was

My first thought was that the great want of Texas was railroads. My next, that the animal was demented. I



A DISOBLIGING NURSE, "Charley, what are you crying about?"
"Cos Nurse won't be a house a-fire, and stand still and let me put her out."

I had barely time to regret my departure from the earth, before I found myself regretting that I

had ever got back to it.

I struck at full length on the wreck of an old stone chimney. Then for five minutes I slid around on my back, and gathered grass with both hands. I don't know why I did this. I had no use for the grass myself, and was certainly not in the humor to save the hay for Downy.

He was cropping grass, tco, but he had a use for it, and he did it, besides, in a cooler, more dispassionate way.

His owner came up promptly, and said that if it would be any alleviation to my feelings, he would shoot Downy on the spot. I started to say yes-hesitatedreflected

At last Christian charity got the better of passion. "No," I said, "let him live. I'll buy him and make a present of him to my mother-in-law."

And then closed my eyes, and went into hospital for six weeks.

LEATHER, chemically considered, is the ox-hide of beef.

A Wabash editor returns thanks for a centipede received by mail from Texas, and says it is the first cent of any kind he has seen in a month.

A young lady in Indiana was rescued from drowning the other day, and she has sent the young man four quarts of butternuts as a token of appreciation.



OF TWO EVILS CHOOSE THE LEAST.

Officer-" I was a-goin' to bounce you, and take you in; but as you're respectable, I'll take you home. OLD BLUFFY .- "Wha's zat ! Home! To my wife!! Say, Officer, take me to the Station House, like a good feller.

then wondered bow I ever could have been fool enough to get on him, anyhow; and finally resolved that if ever I got down alive, I would first kill Downy and then his master—if I could get the drop on him.

By this time blood was streaming from my nose, mouth, cars, and cyes. Meantime, the man for whose blood I was thirsting was surveying me with curiosity, but without emotion. He was used to it. So was Downy. was the only one of the party for whom the proceedings pos-sessed the charm of novelty. I would have been thrown

sooner had it not been for my saddle-a genuine Texas saddle The Texas saddle is a wonderful structure, which has grown out of the necessities of the country. A rider with even a moderate degree of coolness cannot be thrown out of it even by a horse with an immoderate

by a borse with an immodelate degree of pitch.

At last Downy stopped for breath. I felt it to be the supreme moment, and, with admirable presence of mind, attempted to roll off sideways. He discovered my intention, and frustrated it. He wanted to discharge me himselt

Rising s'raight on his hind legs he threw me on his back in the rear of the saddle. Then bringing down his head and raising his heels at the same instant, he launched me into space with a velocity hardly surpassed by the comet of 1853.



LAVIA.—"Whose hair is this bracelet made of, Emmy? What a splendid color it is."
EMILY.—"In't it? It was poor Annt Gara's? If she'd only left me the whole of it, what a fine chieven it would have made!"



